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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1638**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Covacci *et al.***

Serial No.: **09/360,685**

Group Art Unit: **1638**

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Examiner: **P. Bui**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Rejection dated October 24, 2000 for the above-identified patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a). The period to respond is extended by petition, and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the final rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 67 and 69 without prejudice, and amend claims 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59 - 63, and 70, and add new claims 71 - 80 to appear as follows.